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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 31, 2001 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE MONTH-EXTENSION OF TIME

This amendment is being made in connection with an October 31, 2001 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 31, 2001 Office Action originally was due on January 31, 2001. Applicants request a three-month extension of time to respond, from January 31, 2002, to and including April 30, 2001. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$920.00. Please charge this amount to our deposit account number 18-0650. With the extension of time, a response to the October 31, 2001 Office Action is due April 30, 2001, and therefore, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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